

June 7, 2023

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Chris Brady, Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA
Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, AZ 85003; Virtual Option Available

The MAG Management Committee meeting has been scheduled at the time and place noted above. The meeting is open to in-person attendance for both committee members and the public. Virtual options also are available. Members of the committee wishing to attend virtually will receive instructions via email. Members of the public not attending in person may listen to the meeting via a live video stream on MAG's [YouTube Channel](#).

Opportunities will be provided to members of the public to provide public comment. Those attending in person may address the committee during the appropriate comment period(s). For those not attending in person, written comments relating to this meeting may be submitted online at azmag.gov/comment. Comments may be sent at any time leading up to the meeting, but must be received at least **one hour prior** to the posted start time for the meeting. Comments received by the deadline will be read aloud by MAG staff during the meeting.

In 1996, the Regional Council approved a simple majority quorum for all MAG advisory committees. If the Committee does not meet the quorum requirement, members who have joined the meeting will be notified that a legal meeting cannot occur and the meeting will end. Your participation in the meeting is strongly encouraged.

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MAG works to ensure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, and related authorities and regulations in all programs and activities. See our full [Title VI Notice to the Public](#) for more information. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact MAG at (602) 254-6300.

cc: MAG Regional Council



MAG Management Committee

TENTATIVE AGENDA

June 14, 2023

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public who are attending the meeting in person are asked to fill out a comment card and provide it to MAG staff. Those attending virtually are provided the option of submitting written comments related to this meeting through the MAG website at azmag.gov/comment, and indicate for which meeting the comment is intended. Comments may be sent at any time leading up to the meeting, but must be received at least one hour prior to the posted start time for the meeting. Comments received prior to the deadline will be read aloud during the meeting. Comments must not exceed three minutes in length. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that comments received for agenda items posted for action will be read at the time the comment is heard.

Action Requested:

Information.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

Action Requested:

Information.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the public will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

Action Requested:

Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT ****5A. Approval of the May 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the May 10, 2023, Management Committee meeting minutes.

Action Requested:

Approval.

***5B. Conformity Consultation**

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the Fiscal Year 2022-2025 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MOMENTUM 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. The amendment and administrative modification involve changes to several projects, including Freeway Life Cycle Program projects, General Roadway projects, Arterial Life Cycle Program projects, and Transit projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Consultation.

***5C. New Finding of Conformity for a Proposed Amendment to the FY 2022-2025 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MOMENTUM 2050 Regional Transportation Plan**

On December 1, 2021, the MAG Regional Council approved the Fiscal Year 2022-2025 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and MOMENTUM 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A proposed amendment to the TIP and 2050 MAG Regional Transportation Plan includes Freeway Life Cycle Program projects, General Roadway projects, and Arterial Life Cycle Program projects. A new conformity analysis for the Maricopa nonattainment and maintenance areas and Pinal County nonattainment areas has been prepared. The results of the regional emissions analysis, when considered together with the TIP and RTP as a whole, indicate that the amendment will not contribute to violations of federal air quality standards. On April 25, 2023, a 30-day agency and public review period began on the conformity analysis and amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval of the new Finding of Conformity for a Proposed Amendment to the FY 2022-2025 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MOMENTUM 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

***5D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Changes**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2025 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the MOMENTUM 2050 MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) were approved by the Regional Council on December 1, 2021, and have since been amended 15 times.

Since approval of the last amendment, additional changes and modifications are needed. It is important to note that some project changes requested are contingent on a new finding of conformity. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the Fiscal Year 2022-2025 MAG TIP and MOMENTUM 2050 MAG RTP.

***5E. Amendment to the MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to Accept Funding from Paradise Valley to Support Homelessness Shelter Beds and Services**

On May 25, 2023, the Town of Paradise Valley Council approved an allocation of \$200,000 to support enhanced shelter services. The Town Council directed that the funds be provided to the Maricopa Association of Governments for distribution to agencies that provide emergency shelter with wrap around services that assist people experiencing homelessness to stabilize and secure employment and housing. To facilitate this policy direction, a Request for Proposals will be issued to competitively identify one or more agencies to receive these funds. A multi-disciplinary team will score the proposals and recommend a selection for approval by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee.

This action aligns with Pathways Home, the Regional Homelessness Action Plan for Local and Tribal Governments approved by the MAG Regional Council in December 2021. The plan includes a focus on increasing the regional resources to address homelessness, increasing the number of temporary housing beds, and connecting people experiencing homelessness with assistance to secure employment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval to accept \$200,000 from the Town of Paradise Valley to support homelessness shelter beds and service and amend the MAG FY 2022-2023 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget, accordingly.

***5F. Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Transit Program of Projects (POP)**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires the development of a Program of Projects (POP) to outline FTA formula funds allocated to the region and the specific projects for which those funds are programmed. The POP complements the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), detailing how the region's apportioned transit funding will be used. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval of the Draft FY 2023 Program of Projects.

***5G. MAG Transportation Safety On-call List of Qualified Consultants**

The MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget, approved by the Regional Council on May 24, 2023, includes budget for MAG Transportation Safety Planning projects to be carried out using on-call consultant contracts. A request for consultants to submit Statements of Qualifications was published in February 2023. A total of 20 Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) were received for developing a list of on-call consultants for three areas of expertise: transportation safety planning, transportation safety programs evaluation and safety related data analysis and tools. A selection panel consisting of members of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee and staff reviewed the SOQs on May 15, 2019. The evaluation team has generated a recommended list of consultants qualified to provide services for the MAG Transportation Safety On-call. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval of a list of qualified consultants for the Transportation Safety On-call contracts.

***5H. Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Recommendations for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 program provides capital assistance to improve mobility options for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Over \$5.4 million is available for fiscal year (FY) 2023. On April 26, 2023, the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee developed the recommended priority listing of projects for the FY 2023 Section 5310 program for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area (UZA). MAG Regional Council provides final approval to forward the Section 5310 priority listing of projects to the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department, the urbanized area's Direct Recipient, for submission to the FTA. Vehicle amounts are estimates

contingent upon final vehicle procurement costs. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval of the priority listing of projects for the FY 2023 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program for the Phoenix-Mesa UZA.

***5I. Avondale-Goodyear Urbanized Area Operating Assistance Funding Request**

The Avondale-Goodyear Urbanized Area (UZA) is currently designated as a small UZA by the U. S. Census Bureau and receives its own apportionment of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) §5307 Urbanized Area Funds. In small UZAs, operating assistance for transit service is an eligible expense with a 50 percent local match requirement. Historically, the majority of §5307 funds apportioned to the Avondale-Goodyear UZA have been used to cover transit operating expenses for regional fixed route, express bus, paratransit, and Zoom circulator service that operate within the UZA. On April 27, 2022, MAG Regional Council approved \$1 million in §5307 funds for one-year microtransit pilot programs in the cities of Avondale and Goodyear. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval to program Avondale-Goodyear UZA §5307 operating assistance funds to extend the pilot program for microtransit services for one year.

***5J. Regional Affordable Housing Public Education Campaign Toolkit**

On December 8, 2021, the MAG Regional Council approved Pathways Home, the Regional Homelessness Action Plan for Local and Tribal Governments. One of the activities included in the plan is the development of a public education campaign to increase acceptance of affordable housing. In April 2022, the MAG Regional Council provided input on the early materials developed for the campaign and partners. Since that time, MAG has worked with Home Matters to Arizona, their consultant Javelina, and other partners to develop the campaign. The draft marketing strategy was shared in November 2022 and the campaign

name and visual identity shared in March 2023. The toolkit referenced during the March presentation has been completed and is now available for use. Local and tribal governments are encouraged to promote the campaign. Regional media buys will begin this fall. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:
Information.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

6. **Honoring Eric Anderson**

On January 30, 2023, Eric Anderson announced his retirement as the MAG Executive Director after 40 years of service to the region in a variety of positions. Mr. Anderson began his service as an economist, working on projects that shaped the development of the region. In 1992, he led the Fiscal Services Unit at MAG to strengthen the financial foundation of the MAG Freeway Program. In 2000, he was hired as the MAG Transportation Director and led many critical efforts, such as the successful plan development of Proposition 400, passed by Maricopa County voters in 2004. In 2018, Mr. Anderson became the MAG Executive Director. He led the agency through a critical period that included navigating the pandemic and overseeing the development of MOMENTUM 2050 and Pathways Home, the Regional Homelessness Action Plan for Local and Tribal Governments. With his upcoming retirement as of July 1, 2023, this opportunity is provided to honor Mr. Anderson's service.

Action Requested:
Information and discussion.

7. **MAG Socioeconomic Projections for Population and Employment by Municipal Planning Area, Jurisdiction, and Regional Analysis Draft June 2023**

In accordance with Executive Order 2011-04, every three to four years, MAG prepares sub-regional socioeconomic projections, as well as annual population projections by jurisdiction. These projections are used as input

to the transportation and air quality models. In collaboration with member agency staff and Central Arizona Governments, MAG has prepared draft socioeconomic projections for population and employment for 2030, 2040, 2050, and 2060 by municipal planning area and regional analysis zone, as well as population by jurisdiction for MAG member agencies annually for July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2060. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval of the MAG Socioeconomic Projections for Population and Employment by Municipal Planning Area, Jurisdiction, and Regional Analysis Draft June 2023 and the resolution.

8. Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Arterial Life Cycle Program

The 2003 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which was the basis for the Proposition 400 ballot initiative, identified 94 arterial street projects to receive funding from the regional sales tax extension and MAG federal funds. The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) serves as the financial management tool to implement these projects. Information contained in the ALCP includes project location, regional funding, fiscal year for work, status of the project, and identification of the lead agency. As part of the ALCP process, lead agencies update information annually. MAG staff has programmed the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 ALCP based on updated revenue streams, information provided by lead agencies, and the principles defined in the ALCP Policies and Procedures. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval of the draft FY 2024 Arterial Life Cycle Program, contingent on a finding of air quality conformity.

9. Election of Officers

Each June, the positions of chair and vice chair are elected by the Management Committee. According to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures, approved by the MAG Regional Council, the chair works with members to nominate a manager for the vice chair position and the current vice chair is nominated for the position of chair. The

positions serve one-year terms. In February 2023, the chair position became vacant, and the vice chair ascended to chair, and a new vice chair was elected to complete the unexpired term. According to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures, an individual who succeeds to an unexpired term of six months or less will serve the remainder of the term and is eligible to serve one additional full-year term.

Action Requested:

Elect a chair and vice chair.

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

Action Requested:

Information.

12. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Action Requested:

Information.

Adjournment